



IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Withdrawn): A method for manufacturing a magnetic tape comprising the steps of:

winding a magnetic tape having a predetermined width around a tape-curving hub having a tape winding surface formed in a tapered shape; and

holding the magnetic tape at a temperature of 40 to 60°C during a predetermined time in the state where the magnetic tape is wound around the tape-curving hub to obtain a predetermined curvature.

Claim 2 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 1, wherein the magnetic tape is held at a temperature of 40 to 60°C during a time of 10 hours or more and less than 72 hours in the state where the magnetic tape is wound around the tape-curving hub.

Claim 3 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 1, wherein the magnetic tape has a curvature of 1 to 5 mm per 1 m of the tape.

Claim 4 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 1, wherein the magnetic tape comprises a magnetic layer having a thickness of 0.3 µm or less.

Claim 5 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 1, wherein the magnetic tape is a linear-recording tape.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A linear-recording magnetic tape ~~having an edge on a reference edge side~~ comprising a top face, a bottom face, a side edge on a reference side

edge, and a side edge on the other side, said side edges being along the longitudinal direction of the tape, said side edge on the reference side edge being the edge from which positions of tracks in the width direction of the tape are determined by a distance, wherein said edge on the reference edge side is shorter in length than that on the other side.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The linear-recording magnetic tape according to claim 6, wherein the magnetic tape has a curvature of 1 to 5 mm per 1 m of the tape, the curvature being a measure of the maximum distance between a line passing through two points a one meter apart on the reference edge of the tape and said reference edge.

Claim 8 (Original): The linear-recording magnetic tape according to claim 6, wherein the magnetic tape comprises a magnetic layer having a thickness of 0.3 μm or less.